

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants request that the Examiner conduct a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative regarding this case. If such an interview has not been conducted before the Examiner takes this Amendment into consideration, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative as indicated below.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 9, 2005. Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85 and 87 to 89 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 65 to 69, 75, 77 to 79, 85 and 87 to 89 have been amended, and Claims 1 to 3 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 3, 60, 62, 64 to 69, 74, 75, 77 to 79, 84, 85, and 87 to 89 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,778,377 (Marlin) and "Windows 95 Printer Driver Operation Manual" (the '95 Manual). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning now to the claims, amended Claim 1 is directed to a displaying method, of acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device. The method comprises: a device window display step of displaying a device window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet as an initial display sheet, a second sheet, and a designation portion for designating between the first sheet and

the second sheet; a first partial sheet information display step of, when the device window is displayed at said device window display step, acquiring first partial sheet information related to the selected network device via a network, and displaying the acquired first partial sheet information on the first sheet of the device window, wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device; and a second partial sheet information display step of, in a case where a user designates the second sheet using the designation portion, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via the network, and displaying the acquired second partial sheet information on the second sheet, wherein the second partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device and is different from the first partial sheet information.

Therefore, a method in accordance with Claim 1 features displaying partial sheet information, which is a first partial sheet information with regard to the selected network device, on an initial sheet and, when it is determined that displaying of the second sheet is instructed by a user, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via a network in order to display the second partial information on the second sheet. Therefore, a method in accordance with Claim 1 defines firstly the timing of acquisition of the second partial sheet information, secondly the target (the selected network device) from which the second partial sheet information is acquired, and thirdly the position (second sheet) where the acquired second partial sheet information is displayed. In addition, as a method in accordance with Claim 1 processes partial sheets of information, the method may display the initial sheet of information faster than if it

attempts to display all of the information related to the networked device.

In contrast, Marlin discloses that single independent windows are displayed for each of network device. The windows are displayed by acquiring information from each of the devices. In Marlin, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the displayed information and a corresponding window. Therefore, Marlin discloses acquiring a complete set of information and then displaying that information to a user in a single window. Marlin fails to disclose or suggest displaying partial sheet information, which is a first partial sheet information with regard to the selected network device, on an initial sheet and, when it is determined that displaying of the second sheet is instructed by a user, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via a network in order to display the second partial information on the second sheet. Accordingly, an apparatus in accordance with the disclosures of Marlin would fail to achieve the effect of displaying an initial sheet of information for the selected network device as quickly as an apparatus that implements a method in accordance with the method of Claim 1.

Furthermore, nothing in the '95 Manual is seen to provide that which is lacking in Marlin, namely, displaying partial sheet information, which is a first partial sheet information with regard to the selected network device, on an initial sheet and, when it is determined that displaying of the second sheet is instructed by a user, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via a network in order to display the second partial information on the second sheet. Accordingly, an apparatus in accordance with the disclosures of Marlin as modified by the disclosures of the '95 Manual would still not implement all of the features of a method in accordance with Claim 1.

In light of the deficiencies of REFERENCES as discussed above, Applicant submits that amended independent Claim X is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Independent Claims 2 and 3 as amended are respectively directed to a method, an apparatus and a computer-readable recording medium.

Amended independent Claims 2 and 3 are directed to an apparatus and computer-readable medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 2 and 3 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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